

## Application Serial No. 09/017,959 Filing Date: February 3, 1998 BOWLING BALL FINGER GRIP

## **CLAIMS ON APPEAL**

17. A bowling accessory, comprising:

a mechanism for retaining the accessory to a bowler's finger;

a pad having one or more projections for contacting a bowling ball, said pad associated with said retaining mechanism, and said pad having an arcuate surface, said projections having desired configuration such that tips of said projections define a curve which has a curvature substantially like a curvature of the bowling ball when force is exerted by the bowler on the ball, the projections flatten providing a larger surface to grip the ball enabling the bowler to better initiate rotation as the bowling ball is released.

- 18. The bowling accessory according to Claim 17, wherein said plurality of projections are in a desired pattern.
- 19. The bowling accessory according to Claim 17, wherein said arcuate surface has a radius which is complementary to a radius of a bowling ball.
- 20. The bowling accessory according to Claim 17, wherein said arcuate surface is concave.

- 21. A bowling finger grip, comprising:
  - a tubular member having a bore for receiving the finger of a bowler;
- a gripping surface on said tubular member, a plurality of gripping members on said gripping surface for contacting a bowling ball, said gripping surface being curved, said gripping members having desired configuration such that tips of said projections define a curve which has a curvature substantially like a curvature of the bowling ball when force is exerted by the bowler on the ball, the gripping members flatten providing a larger surface to grip the ball enabling the bowler to better initiate rotation as the bowling ball is released.
- 22. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 21, wherein said gripping members have a convex face for contacting the bowling ball.
- 23. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 21, wherein said bore is tapered at one end for enhancing fit with a bowler's finger tip.
- 24. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 21, wherein said curve of said gripping surface has a curvature substantially the same as the bowling ball curvature.
- 25. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 21, wherein said gripping surface includes a plurality of projecting members positioned in a desired pattern on said gripping surface.

- 26. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 25, wherein said projecting members are aligned with one another.
- 27. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 21, wherein said tubular member has a D-shaped section viewed along a longitudinal axis.
- 28. The bowling finger grip according to Claim 27, wherein said bore is elliptical viewed along a longitudinal axis.